

**Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board
Recommendation 96-11**

to the United States Department of Energy

Regarding CDPHE Air Monitoring Proposal

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Dr. Robert Goldsmith
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U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Dr. Goldsmith:

The Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) would like to convey its endorsement of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's (CDPHE) Rocky Flats Community Air Monitoring Proposal. During the current cleanup of Rocky Flats, when potential risks of offsite releases of dangerous materials may be higher, the Board feels that the existing air monitoring program should be enhanced.

While endorsing this proposal, the Board would also like to point out a few areas of concern. We recommend that these monitors not duplicate the existing Community Radiation Monitoring (COMRAD) program monitors. We feel that it is more important to have different areas of the community monitored rather than duplicating any of these sites. Also, we understand that CDPHE's proposal would rely on the COMRAD science instructors to report on the progress and results of the monitoring program. The Board is concerned that if funding for COMRAD were to be cut, this new program would also be adversely affected. We recommend that this concern be addressed, either through a commitment to fund both programs or designation of a contingency plan if COMRAD funding is cut.

CAB recommends at least one of the proposed monitor locations be reconsidered. Upon request from the CAB Health Committee, Dr. Gale Biggs reviewed CDPHE's proposal (enclosure). Dr.

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Biggs, an authority on air pathways issues, supports the proposal, but was concerned about a possible gap in monitoring locations. He suggests consideration of a site somewhere between Standley Lake and U.S. Highway 36 or where Dry Creek crosses 120th Avenue. CAB recommends that this suggestion be implemented.

The Board also recommends that the monitoring locations be reviewed on an annual basis. In this way, monitors can be moved to other locations if there are important reasons to do so.

Finally, the Board would like to acknowledge the effort that went into soliciting public input on this proposal. We appreciate having the opportunity to review the proposal and provide comments.

Please notify us of your decision on this proposal by August 12, 1996 so that we may follow the implementation of this program should it be approved.

Sincerely,

Tom Marshall
Chair

cc: Rob Terry, CDPHE
Jessie Roberson, DOE

The Rocky Flats Citizens Advisory Board is a community advisory group that reviews and provides recommendations on cleanup plans for Rocky Flats, a former nuclear weapons plant outside of Denver, Colorado.

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